

Collocations/expressions

A Complete the blanks with the verbs follow, have or take.

_____ a photograph/picture	_____ action on sth	_____ the blame for sth
_____ a seat	_____ a party/celebration	_____ a look (at)
_____ fun	_____ a meal	_____ a rest/break
_____ sb's advice	_____ an argument/a quarrel	_____ sb/sth for granted
_____ care of	_____ a holiday	_____ turns
_____ a meeting	_____ orders	_____ sth into consideration
_____ a test	_____ measures	_____ sb by surprise
_____ trouble with	_____ a bath/shower	_____ time
_____ a headache/toothache	_____ a dream	_____ place
_____ instructions	_____ directions	_____ one's chance

B Read the sentences below. Complete the boxes with the verbs have or take and the blanks with prepositions.

- Twenty two countries will _____ part _____ this year's water polo tournament.
- Every year we _____ advantage _____ the Bank Holiday and spend a long weekend at a seaside resort.
- They _____ no respect _____ their new teacher.
- Before setting off on a fishing trip, you must _____ the weather conditions _____ account.
- Do you _____ any idea _____ how to operate this contraption?
- I _____ no intention _____ going back to school next year.
- The children couldn't _____ their eyes _____ the performing dolphins.
- David had no option but to _____ responsibility _____ the company's disastrous performance.
- I _____ difficulty _____ deciding which school to go to next year.
- _____ no notice _____ what she says. She's always making up stories.
- You need to _____ more confidence _____ yourself.
- Now that I'm older, I _____ no interest _____ stamp collecting.
- I am a pilot and I _____ a lot of pride _____ my work.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs give, pay, bring or mind.

- It's been weeks since I last _____ Helen a visit.
- _____ Henry a ring immediately. He said it was urgent.
- What were you doing hiding behind the door? You _____ me a real shock.
- The chairperson _____ the meeting to an end because the members of the board could not agree on a plan of action.
- Gerry was kind enough to _____ me a lift to the railway station.
- Passengers are asked to _____ the step when disembarking.
- Who can _____ me an explanation for the rising sea waters?
- The teacher got angry because nobody was _____ attention to him.